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SENATOR BARCIA APPLAUDS \$56 MILLION INVESTMENT IN BAY CITY ROAD PROJECTS

Barcia: "This means road improvements, job creation, and improved quality of life."

LANSING -- Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) today applauded the announcement of \$56,050,000 in Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Greenlight project investment for road reconstruction and rehabilitation in Bay City. These projects supplement MDOT's previous commitments to road and bridge investments over the next five years.

"This is simply tremendous news for the Bay City area," Sen. Barcia said. "Not only does it signify massive improvements to our transportation system, but it also represents a boost to area employment over the next two years."

Area projects include reconstruction of northbound and southbound I-75 from Birch Run Creek to Bridgeport (\$54M). Rehabilitation projects include M-81 from 10th to Finley (\$900,000); M-84 from 15th to M-25 (\$500,000); and M-84 from Broadway to 15th (\$650,000).

The current 158 Greenlight projects totaling \$618M are part of Governor Granholm's *Jobs Today* initiative and are expected to generate more than 11,000 jobs statewide. The Greenlight project was developed by MDOT to maximize use of federal dollars and bring Michigan's roads and bridges into good repair by 2007.

"These projects will not only impact the local economy but will improve the quality of life for all area residents," Sen. Barcia said. "We are simply thrilled."

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Sen. Barcia represents Senate District 31 that includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. He is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee where he serves as vice chair of the subcommittees on Agriculture, Environmental Quality, Natural Resources, and Transportation.